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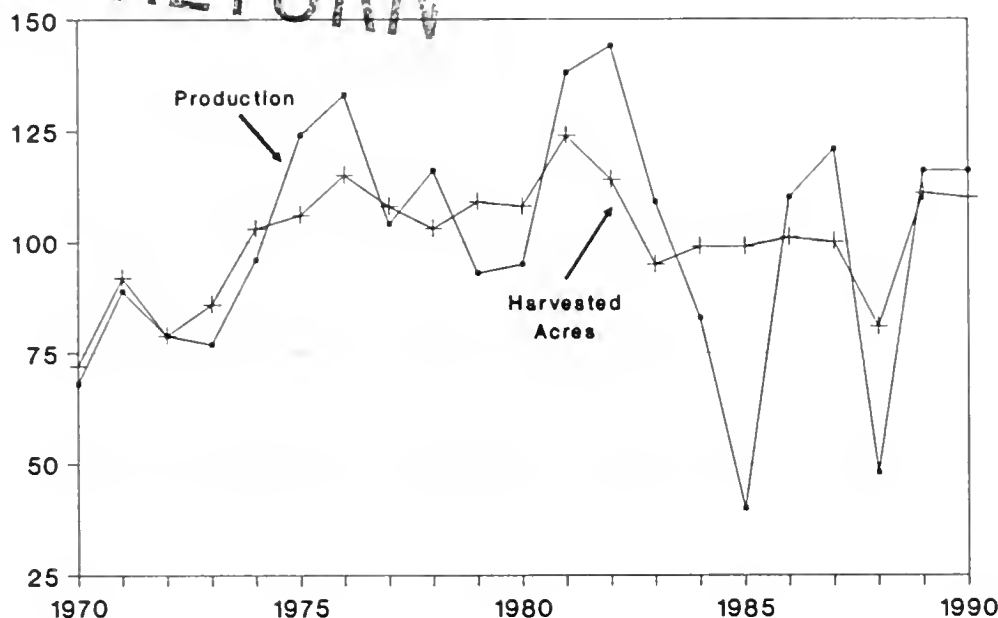
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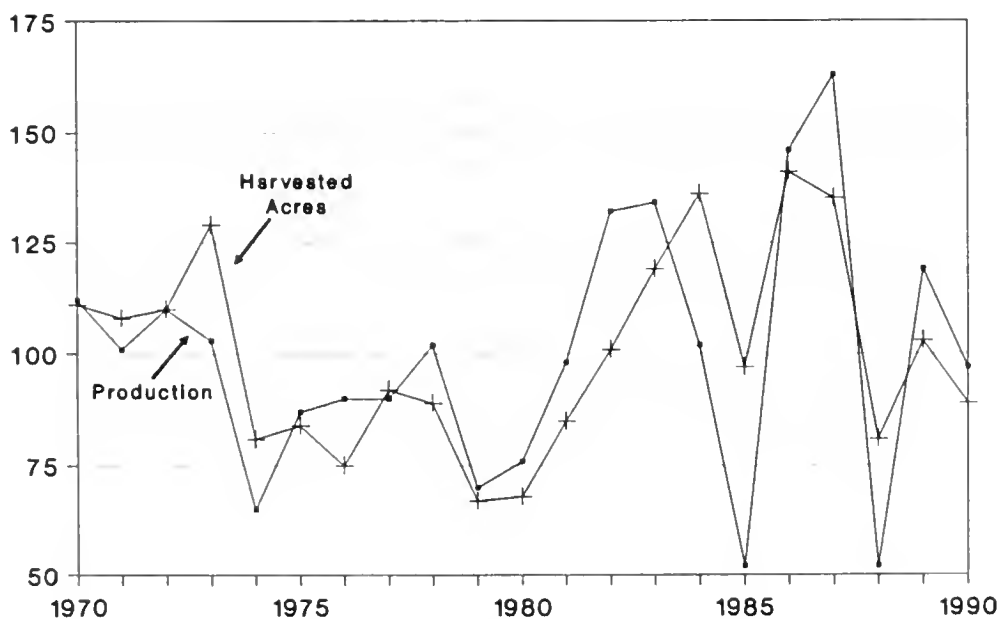
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Montana Wheat Production As A Percent of 20-Year Average



Montana Barley Production As A Percent of 20-Year Average



MONTANA'S 1990 PRODUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

Montana's all wheat production in 1990, at 145.9 million bushels, was 16 percent above the 20-year average, about the same as a year ago. Even though year to year fluctuations in production have been significant, total wheat production has been mostly static the last two decades.

For barley, production in 1990 was 3 percent below the 20-year average, down sharply from a year ago. Barley acreage increased dramatically during the early part of the 1980's but has been mostly decreasing since 1986.

Montana's 1990 crop season was characterized by abnormal dryness in the eastern third of the state and relatively good growing conditions elsewhere.

1990 ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY 1/

		MONTANA								U.S.
		Acreage		Production			Season Avg. Price Per Unit		Value of Prod.	Production
				Unit	Yield Per Acre	Total				
		Planted	Harv.				Unit	Yield Per Acre		
Year		Thousands				Thous.	%	\$	Thous.\$	Thous.
Winter Wheat	1987	2,300	2,200	Bu.	36.0	79,200	+24	2.66	210,672	1,565,381
	1988	2,450	2,100		19.0	39,900	-50	3.86	154,014	1,561,910
	1989	2,500	1,500		36.0	54,000	+35	3.73	201,420	1,454,642
	1990	2,700	2,500		35.0	87,500	+62	2.65	231,875	2,033,299
Durum Wheat	1987	195	190	Bu.	28.0	5,320	+23	3.40	18,088	92,617
	1988	280	230		9.0	2,070	-61	5.20	10,764	44,831
	1989	340	335		18.0	6,030	+191	3.31	19,959	92,229
	1990	245	235		19.0	4,465	-26	2.90	12,949	122,171
Other Spring Wheat	1987	2,400	2,300	Bu.	29.0	66,700	-5	2.78	185,426	449,687
	1988	2,000	1,500		12.0	18,000	-73	4.10	73,800	205,460
	1989	3,500	3,400		25.0	85,000	+372	3.64	309,400	489,747
	1990	2,800	2,450		22.0	53,900	-37	2.85	153,615	583,124
All Wheat	1987	4,895	4,690	Bu.	32.2	151,220	+9	2.74	414,186	2,107,685
	1988	4,730	3,830		15.7	59,970	-60	3.98	238,578	1,812,201
	1989	6,340	5,235		27.7	145,030	+142	3.66	530,779	2,036,618
	1990	5,745	5,185		28.1	145,865	+1	2.73	398,439	2,738,594
Barley	1987	2,300	2,100	Bu.	45.0	94,500	+11	1.82	171,990	521,499
	1988	1,800	1,250		24.0	30,000	-68	2.82	84,600	289,994
	1989	1,700	1,600		43.0	68,800	+129	2.21	152,048	404,203
	1990	1,600	1,380		41.0	56,580	-18	2.25	127,305	418,856
Oats	1987	235	110	Bu.	55.0	6,050	+46	1.49	9,015	373,713
	1988	210	90		31.0	2,790	-54	2.26	6,305	217,600
	1989	250	145		46.0	6,670	+139	1.42	9,471	373,587
	1990	160	70		40.0	2,800	-58	1.05	2,940	357,149
Corn for Grain 2/	1987	80	15	Bu.	105.0	1,575	+5	2.20	3,465	7,131,300
	1988	90	20		110.0	2,200	+40	3.15	6,930	4,928,681
	1989	80	4		80.0	320	-85	2.60	832	7,525,493
	1990	65	9		95.0	855	+167	2.50	2,138	7,933,068
Corn for Silage	1987	--	64	Tons	18.0	1,152	-4	--	--	86,442
	1988	--	67		19.0	1,273	+11	--	--	78,791
	1989	--	75		18.0	1,350	+6	--	--	86,109
	1990	--	55		19.0	1,045	-23	--	--	86,844
Potatoes (Fall)	1987	8.0	7.9	Cwt.	300.0	2,370	+6	5.65	13,391	344,998
	1988	7.8	7.7		280.0	2,156	-9	7.75	16,709	313,558
	1989	8.2	8.1		275.0	2,228	+3	8.25	18,381	324,673
	1990	9.0	8.9		280.0	2,492	+12	8.75	21,805	344,317
Dry Beans	1987	5.8	5.7	Cwt.	21.9	125	+29	12.00	1,500	26,031
	1988	4.4	4.0		19.0	76	-39	28.00	2,128	19,253
	1989	6.0	5.9		22.0	130	+71	27.50	3,575	23,729
	1990	13.5	13.0		16.9	220	+69	13.60	2,992	32,429
Sugar beets	1987	49.2	48.9	Tons	22.2	1,086	+7	42.20	45,829	28,072
	1988	49.6	48.9		21.1	1,032	-5	45.20	46,646	24,810
	1989	52.7	51.9		19.9	1,033	0	43.60	45,039	25,131
	1990	55.2	55.1		22.5	1,240	+20	--	--	27,593
Alfalfa Hay	1987	--	1,300	Tons	2.20	2,860	-4	--	--	84,225
	1988	--	1,100		1.90	2,090	-27	--	--	69,304
	1989	--	1,350		2.20	2,970	+42	--	--	77,370
	1990	--	1,350		2.50	3,375	+14	--	--	83,555
All Hay 3/	1987	--	2,200	Tons	1.91	4,210	-3	45.00	189,450	147,457
	1988	--	1,800		1.55	2,790	-34	85.00	237,150	126,010
	1989	--	2,350		1.90	4,470	+60	69.50	310,665	145,512
	1990	--	2,150		2.09	4,495	+1	67.00	301,165	146,985
Sweet Cherries 4/	1987	--	--	Tons	--	2,600	+160	877.00	2,280	212,820
	1988	--	--		--	1,900	-27	548.00	1,042	184,510
	1989	--	--		--	--	--	--	--	190,930
	1990	--	--		--	150	--	1,670.00	250	132,350
All Main Crops	1987	--	--		--	--	--	--	805,277 5/	--
	1988	--	--		--	--	--	--	593,442 5/	--
	1989	--	--		--	--	--	--	1,025,751 5/	--
	1990	--	--		--	--	--	--	911,098 5/	--

¹ All estimates for 1990 are preliminary. ² Planted acreage of corn for all purposes. ³ Price of baled hay. ⁴ Utilized production in actual tons. ⁵ Excludes sugar beets value.